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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL "U.S. - IRAN
TALKS" WHICH APPEARED IN NOVEMBER 18 "TIMES OF MALTA":

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES HAS ONCE MORE MADE IT
CLEAR THAT AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS WAS A
FUNDAMENTAL AND PERMANENT PART OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.
THIS WAS EMPHASIZED DURING TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER
AND THE VISITING SHAH OF IRAN IN WASHINGTON. OF LATE,
THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE SHAH'S ALLEGED
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRITICISM THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER, IN STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE SHAH, WAS WEAKENING HIS
OWN CAMPAIGN.

3. IT HAS BEEN NOTED WITH RELIEF, HOWEVER, THAT THE
IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STEPS, DURING THE PAST YEAR,
IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE STEPS HAVE INCLUDED THE
OPENING OF PRISONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, AND
AMNESTY FOR NUMEROUS POLITICAL PRISONERS. END TEXT.
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